

Ray began his career with the Rich Products Corporation, working for the SeaPak Shrimp and Seafood division in Saint Simons Island. Over the next three decades, he would have a positive impact on the seafood industry and on our community. Ray was a genuine advocate for seafood sustainability and a trusted voice in meeting with Members of Congress. Ray served as chairman of the National Fisheries Institute's technical committee from 1994 to 1996, and was the technical chairman of the National Shrimp Industry Association from 1998 to 2005.

In 2017, he was recognized as the seafood industry leader for his decades of commitment to seafood sustainability and quality. Despite Ray's countless career achievements, his proudest role was as a father and grandfather.

Madam Speaker, my thoughts and prayers are with his family, friends, and all who knew him during this most difficult time.

RECOGNIZING PASTOR BILL LIGON

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Pastor Bill Ligon of Brunswick, Georgia, for his 90th birthday.

Pastor Ligon experienced the call of God at 18 years old. Since then, he founded the Christian Renewal Church in Brunswick, Georgia, and has served as its pastor for over 40 years. Pastor Ligon has served throughout the southeast, but the impact of his outreach remains immeasurable.

He is one of the founders of the Fellowship of Churches and Ministers International, with churches in eight States and three foreign countries. Alongside his wife, Pastor Ligon served for 6 years as Southern Baptist missionaries in Spain where they served churches and taught the gospel.

Madam Speaker, with his passion to share and teach the gospel, I know Pastor Ligon will continue his tremendous work at Christian Renewal Church. He has dedicated his life to spreading the word of God, and I thank him for his decades of service.

RECOGNIZING REAR ADMIRAL ERIC JONES

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Rear Admiral Eric Jones for his outstanding career and service as Commander of the Seventh Coast Guard District.

Rear Admiral Jones has dedicated his life to protecting our country. As District Commander, he is responsible for all Coast Guard operations throughout the Southeast and the Caribbean Basin, which includes Georgia's First Congressional District.

Notably, under his command, Coast Guard members responded when a cargo ship capsized in the Saint Simons Sound. This rescue effort was heroic and saved all 24 people on the ship.

During his time, Rear Admiral Jones has provided extraordinary leadership and management to the United States Coast Guard. His service has been marked by excellence and has received significant recognition, including four

Coast Guard Commendation Medals, the Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and various service and unit awards.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Rear Admiral Jones on his next duty assignment and thank him for his years of service to Georgia's First Congressional District.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BOBBY CARPENTER

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor Mr. Bobby Carpenter, who passed away on June 25 at the age of 89.

Bobby graduated from Richmond Hill High School in 1948. Following graduation, he served in the U.S. Navy for 4 years. Once back home, Bobby served as the postmaster of the Richmond Hill Post Office and received his official commission from President Lyndon B. Johnson.

Bobby also served as the president of Bryan Neck Cemetery Association for 50 years, church treasurer for 25 years, and a member of the Bryan County Board of Education. He enriched the lives of all who knew him and loved him, and he leaves behind a legacy of kindness, faith, and love.

Bobby's dedication to improving the lives of others will never be forgotten. Richmond Hill sorely misses him. My thoughts and prayers are with Bobby's family, friends, and all who knew him during this most difficult time.

NATIONAL HEROES DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. CROW) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, 9 years ago today, Aurora, Colorado, faced an unbelievable tragedy when a shooter opened fire in a movie theater.

Madam Speaker, 12 people lost their lives, 70 were injured, and countless others are still impacted by the trauma of that day.

Every year, Aurora and the greater Colorado community come together to remember the lives lost and the trauma. We also come together to recognize the everyday heroes that stepped up to help their neighbors and loved ones. Their heroism saved lives.

I thank my friend and colleague, Representative ED PERLMUTTER for, again, offering a resolution to designate July 28 as National Heroes Day. This year, in particular, we recognize the everyday heroes that have helped us withstand this pandemic, our frontline workers, scientists, and healthcare professionals, and the first responders who stand on the front lines every day.

As we reflect today, let us also be galvanized into action. In the 9 years since the Aurora tragedy, little has been done at the Federal level to reduce gun violence and mass shootings. Enough is enough. I am here, in part, because I have been inspired by my constituents who endured incredible tragedy 9 years ago and have directed that pain to fight for change. Let us not grow numb to the pain of this day, but let's continue to work toward meaningful and lasting change.

NATIONAL PENNSYLVANIA DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize July 20 as National Pennsylvania Day. Pennsylvania's nickname, the Keystone State, represents the central role we played in shaping our Nation. Our great Commonwealth was the second State to join the Union and continued to lead the way in making history.

As the first capitol of our Nation, many great decisions were made in Philadelphia. It was there our Founding Fathers authored the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution forming this great Nation. Pennsylvania served in an important role in key military operations. Valley Forge tells a story of sacrifice, leadership, grit, and determination when our ragtag military was attempting to defy history and defeat a global superpower.

The Battle of Gettysburg marked a turning point of the Civil War, providing the Union with the momentum to bring our great Nation back together. Our State continues to carry the legacy of many firsts, from the first American flag sewn by Betsy Ross to the first commercial oil well.

Our inventor spirit continues to weave through history, from Benjamin Franklin, Robert Fulton, and Jonas Salk. We continue to bring new and exciting ideas forward. Our legacy of American craftsmanship and work ethic runs deep, from our steel mills and coal mines to our farmlands and forests.

Madam Speaker, as a lifelong resident of Pennsylvania, I am encouraged each and every day by the industrious spirit of our residents as we continue to build a bright path forward for our commonwealth and our country.

Happy Pennsylvania Day! I am proud to be from our great Keystone State.

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HOT FERC SUMMER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. CASTEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CASTEN. Madam Speaker, I trust most of my colleagues have heard of "Hot Girl Summer" and the broader Megan Thee Stallion oeuvre.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to declare the start of "Hot FERC Summer," with FERC, of course, being the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. Why, you might ask? Well, to paraphrase Ms. Stallion, because now that FERC has put in all that work, it is time for them to be the MVP.

Now, some might say that FERC isn't, dare I say, hot enough to warrant that attention. But for those of us who are serious about fighting the climate crisis, they sure should be.

The Commission ensures our energy markets, generation, and transmission